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For CONJUGATED LIGANDS FOR THE STIMULATION OF BLOOD

CELL PROLIFERATION BY EFFECTING DIMERIZATION OF

THE RECEPTOR FOR STEM CELL FACTOR

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

This Communication is being submitted in response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification issued February 1, 2005 by the Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A response to the Notice is due March 3, 2005. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

The February 1, 2005 Notice stated that the drawings filed on June 29, 2000 have been received, but that an inconsistency exists between the Drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

The Notice further indicates that Figures 8A-1 through 8A-76 are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings, and that Figures 8-1 through 8-76 are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings.

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In response, applicants submit herewith as Exhibit B replacement Figure 8, with the 76 sheets labeled as 8A-1 through 8A-76.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any such fee is authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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Drawings Due: 3/3/05

The drawings filed <u>06-29-2000</u> have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures 8A-1 through 8A-76 are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures 8-1 through 8-76 are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in abandonment of the application.

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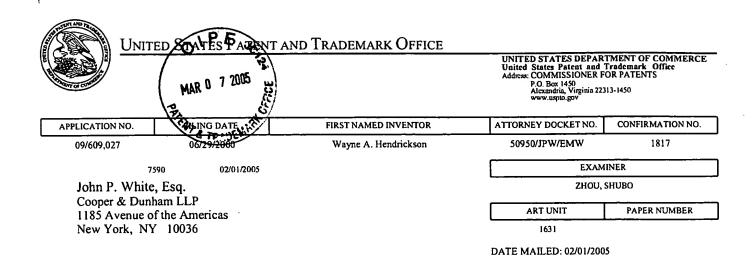
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